

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF NONCOMPLIANCE  
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 00V-012 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: January 7, 2000

MANUFACTURER: Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Charles D. Powell, Recall Administrator

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SUBJECT: 468 Volvo Trucks 1999 Volvo, ACL, WG, and WX Class 8 heavy duty trucks equipped with a steel fuel tank and manufactured from July 6 through August 13, 1999. The closure only fuel tank cap, installed on the steel fuel tank, failed when the tank was dropped from a 10' height as required by FMVSS No. 393, "Liquid Fuel Tanks." (Volvo Truck Recall No. RVXX0099).

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle which fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have reviewed your draft owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during February 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:



Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232  
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Mr. Charles D. Powell  
Recall Administrator  
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Dear Mr. Powell:

We have reviewed Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.'s (Volvo) Noncompliance Information Report dated January 7, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 648 Volvo Trucks, ACL, WG, and WX Class 8 heavy trucks equipped with a steel fuel tank and manufactured from July 6 through August 13, 1999. The closure only fuel tank cap, installed on the steel fuel tank, failed when the tank was dropped from a 10' height as required by Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 393, "Liquid Fuel Tanks." The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 00V-012 (Volvo Recall No. RVXX0099).

**Volvo is responsible for the remedy of these trucks from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.**

#### **Quarterly Status Reports**

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification was expected to begin February 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by April 30, 2000.

#### **Recall Communications**

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Volvo to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications.

All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

**Manufacturer Communications**

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins) to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), whether or not such defect is safety related. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,



Jonathan D. White, Chief  
Recall Analysis Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
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